# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE: SOCIAL MEDIA ADOLESCENT

Spartanburg County School District Three v. Meta

Payments, Inc., Siculus, Inc., Facebook Operations,

LLC, Bytedance Inc., Bytedance Ltd., TikTok,

Platforms, Inc., Instagram, LLC, Facebook

ADDICTION/PERSONAL INJURY PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

This Document Relates to:

Member Case No.:

4:24-cv-3576

Case No. 4:22-md-03047-YGR

MDL No. 3047

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MASTER SHORT-FORM COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

The Plaintiff(s) named below file(s) this *Short-Form Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial* against the Defendant(s) named below by and through their undersigned counsel. Plaintiff(s) incorporate(s) by reference the allegations, claims, and relief sought in *Plaintiffs' Master Local Government and School District Complaint* ("Master Complaint") as it relates to the named Defendant(s) (checked-off below), filed in *In Re: Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 3047, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. Plaintiff(s) file(s) this *Short-Form Complaint* as permitted by Case Management Order No 8.

Plaintiff(s) indicate(s) by checking the relevant boxes below the Parties and Causes of Actions specific to Plaintiff(s)' case.

1	Plaintiff(s), by and through their undersigned counsel, allege(s) as follows:				
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3		1. For Direct Filed Cases: Identify the Federal District Court in which the Plaintiff(s) would have filed in the absence of direct filing:			
4		District of South Carolina			
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7		2. For Transferred Cases: Identify the Federal District Court in which the			
8		Plaintiff(s) originally filed and the date of filing:			
9		n/a			
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12	12 II. <u>IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES</u>				
13		A. PLAINTIFF(S)			
14		3. <i>Plaintiff(s):</i> Name(s) of the local government or school district alleging claims			
15		against Defendant(s):			
16		Spartanburg School District Three			
17		4. Number of schools served in the Plaintiff(s)' school district or local			
18		community:			
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20		5. Number of minors served in the Plaintiff(s)' school district or local			
21		community:			
22		2,788			
23		6. At the time of the filing of this <i>Short-Form Complaint</i> , Plaintiff(s) is/are a resident			
24		6. At the time of the filing of this <i>Short-Form Complaint</i> , Plaintiff(s) is/are a resident and citizen of [ <i>Indicate State</i> ]:			
25		South Carolina			
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	B. <u>DEFENDANT(S)</u>					
1	7. Plaintiff(s) name(s) the following Defendant(s) in this action [ <i>Check all that apply</i> ]:					
2	META ENTITIES	TIKTOK ENTITIES				
3	✓ META PLATFORMS, INC.,	✓ BYTEDANCE LTD				
4	formerly known as Facebook, Inc.	BYTEDANCE INC.				
5	✓ INSTAGRAM, LLC	▼ TIKTOK LTD				
6	FACEBOOK PAYMENTS, INC.	▼ TIKTOK LLC				
7	SICULUS, INC.	TIKTOK INC.				
8	FACEBOOK OPERATIONS, LLC	SNAP ENTITY				
9	☐ FACEBOOK HOLDINGS, LLC	SNAP, INC.				
10	☐ META PAYMENTS INC.	<b>GOOGLE ENTITIES</b>				
11		GOOGLE, LLC				
12		YOUTUBE, LLC				
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14	OTHER DEFENDANTS					
15	To each other berendant Traintin(s)	For each "Other Defendant" Plaintiff(s) contends are additional parties and are liable				
16	or responsible for Plaintiff(s)' damages alleged herein, Plaintiff(s) must identify by name each Defendant and its citizenship, and Plaintiff(s) must plead the specific fact supporting any claim against each "Other Defendant" in a manner complying with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In doing so, Plaintiff(s) may					
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# III. CAUSES OF ACTION ASSERTED

8. The following Causes of Action asserted in the *Master Complaint*, and the allegations with regard thereto, are adopted in this *Short-Form Complaint* by reference (*check all that are adopted*):

	Asserted Against <sup>1</sup>	Count Number	Cause of Action (COA)
~	Meta entities	1	NEGLIGENCE
~	Snap		
~	TikTok entities		
~	Google entities		
	Other Defendant(s) <sup>2</sup>		
~	Meta entities	2	PUBLIC NUISANCE
~	Snap		
~	TikTok entities		
~	Google entities		
	Other Defendant(s)		

#### **NOTE**

If Plaintiff(s) want(s) to allege additional Cause(s) of Action other than those selected in paragraph 8, which are the Causes(s) of Action set forth in the *Master Complaint*, the facts supporting those additional Cause(s) of Action, must be pled in a manner complying with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In doing so, Plaintiff(s) may attach additional pages to this *Short-Form Complaint*.

## IV. ADDITIONAL CAUSES OF ACTION

9. Plaintiff(s) assert(s) the following additional Causes of Action and supporting allegations against the following Defendants:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For purposes of this paragraph, "entity" means those Defendants identified in Paragraph 7 (*e.g.*, "TikTok entities" means all TikTok Defendants against which Plaintiff(s) is/are asserting claims).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Reference selected "Other Defendants" by the corresponding row number in the "Other Defendant(s)" chart identified in Paragraph 7.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff(s) pray(s) for relief and judgment against Defendants and all such further relief that this Court deems equitable and just as set forth in the *Master Complaint*, and any additional relief to which Plaintiff(s) may be entitled.

### **JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff(s) hereby demand a trial by jury as to all claims in this action.

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By signature below, Plaintiff(s)' counsel hereby confirms their submission to the authority and jurisdiction of the United States District Court of the Northern District of California and oversight of counsel's duties under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, including enforcement as necessary through sanctions and/or revocation of *pro hac vice* status.

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